

# DEAR GESSER

RIESENTÖTER REGION, PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

FEBRUARY 1977

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One evening last week while I was reading the Daily Local News my eyes focused on a picture of a severely mangled 912. The article which accompanied the picture indicated that the driver of the car was pronounced dead on arrival at the local hospital, and that the cause of the accident was driving too fast for conditions. The victim's car registration showed that he had bought the car within the last two weeks.

As we all know, the Porsche is an agile and responsive automobile. When we first get behind the wheel the car makes us feel like expert drivers, although most of the time this is not the case.

It takes much practice to familiarize ourselves with the car and to develop proper driving techniques: in my opinion, there is no better way to develop these driving techniques than to participate in a sprint, sprint school, or driver's school.

These events allow you to experience the automobile's limitations, as well as your own, under safe and controlled conditions. Hopefully, what you learn at a driving event will help you when adverse conditions are encountered on a public road; hopefully, it will help you keep yourself and your Porsche in one piece.

The experience of driving events may humble you initially, but you will be a better driver afterwards.

Bob

## MEETING NOTICE

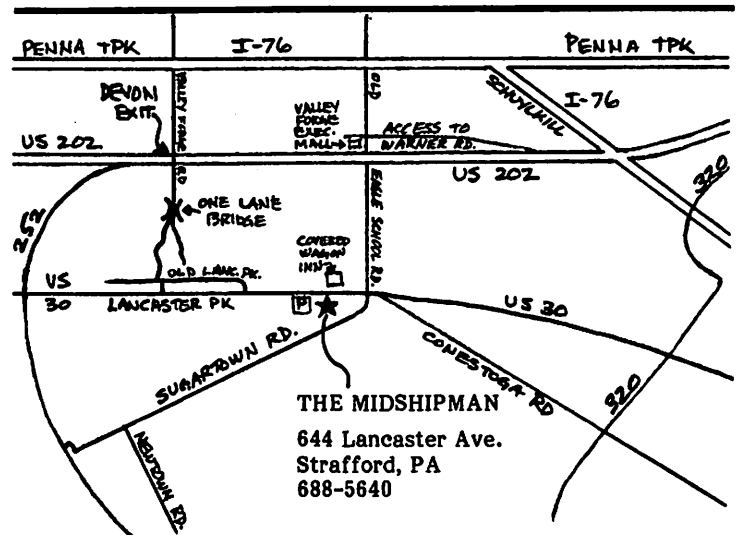
The February 23 meeting will be held at 8:30 pm at the Midshipman restaurant, 644 Lancaster Avenue, Strafford. Why not dine there beforehand? Plastic money is accepted.

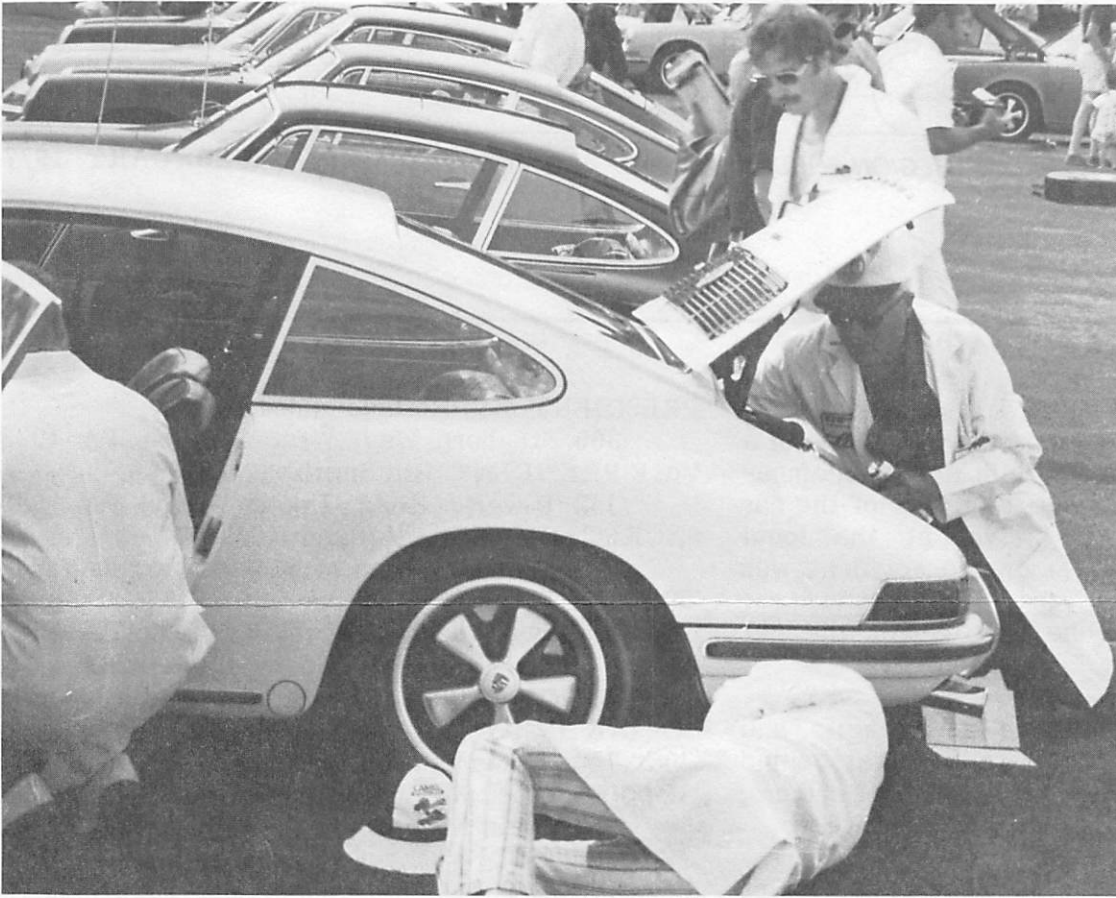
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# PORSCHE DAY IN THE POCONOS

# ACHTUNG!!

Don't let the recent arctic weather keep you from enjoying a pleasant day up north (you should have acclimated by now). Bob and Babe Ahrens are again making their Poconos home, Snowbird, available to Club members as part of a social event.

Regardless of weather, cocktails will be available on February 12 from 4:00pm until we move out to Richie's Steak House for dinner. Bring \$1 per person for the refreshments; you're on your own at Richie's.

Fill out the rest of the day at local recreation areas for modest fees (see January Der Gasser), or at Snowbird feeding the fire.

**ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS:** Take the Northeast Extension to Exit 35. Go east on Rte 940 for 4 miles, turn right at the entrance to Split Rock Lodge. Go to Texaco station (2-2½ mi.), bear left; go 2 blocks to Crest Drive, turn left. Snowbird is the 4th house on the right.

Third Annual Nickel Night at Nick's  
March 12 8:30 P.M.

Once again Riesentoter Region members will go to that secret place where they have been stashing nickels since last March. At 431 Old Eagle School Road many games of chance await your evening's pleasure. In today's economy this may be the safest investment you can make. Entry fee is a bottle of wine and cheese for two. Non Porsche friends are invited as well (we need their nickels) and the more the merrier. If you listen hard you can still hear the slap of the cards, the clatter of dice and the whirr of the wheel-- (See map for location).

- Feb 12 Porsche Day in the Poconos
- Feb 23 MEETING AT THE MIDSHIPMAN
- Mar 12 Third Annual Nickel Night at Nick's
- Apr 23&24 Goldmine Hillclimb
- May 21 PHA Driver's School at Watkins Glen
- May 22 SCCA Solo I at Watkins Glen

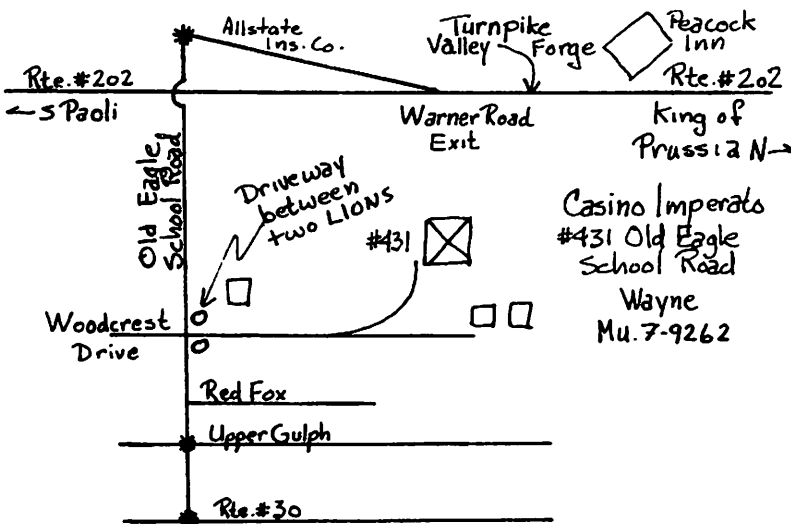
## YES, YOU CAN CLIMB IT TOO, BUDDY!

Every year about this time I try to generate some new interest in HILLCLIMBING among the Riesentoter Region members. It seems that the number of club participants continues to drop off with time. As of this time we have seven drivers who intend to run—I would like to have at least 12 to make up two teams (as an associate member club of PHA, we may enter as many sixdriver teams as we wish). By the way, as a team driver from our club, you don't have to drive a Porsche.

If you like autocrossing, you'll love hillclimbing; now is the time to start your planning if you really would like to give it a try.

There are two ways to get an act together: one is to buy a prepared competition car; the other is to enter an SSS (Showroom Stock Sedan) or an SSSC (Showroom Stock Sports Car). In the first instance, know your seller. A lot of "dogs" are disposed of this way ("I can't seem to solve this overheating problem.....let's sell it"). A competition car must be prepared to PHA or SCCA rules. A lot of good sports cars are available, and there is a lot more money in them than the seller is asking.

The second way, SSS or SSSC, is less of a commitment because you can't do anything to the car that affects its performance; however, you do have to install all the safety equipment required by PHA. Furthermore, the added safety equipment would be good to have even if you decide not to continue competition. The following conditions must be met:



- roll bar or roll cage per Appendix Z of SCCA GCR (General Competition Rules)
- 3" lap belt, shoulder harness and submarine belt (5 or 6 point) per SCCA GCR
- fire extinguisher
- DOT approved tires (no racing tires)
- headlights taped; hubcaps, jack, tools removed; spare tire retained in original position; seat backs secured; convertible tops stored, hardtops removed
- numbers or other markings are readily removable; radios, heaters, air conditioners are permitted; adjustments are to be to the manufacturer's specifications and/or within his tolerances.

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PORSCHE CHAMPIONS FOR 1976  
 L to R: 935 winner World Championship of Makes; drivers M. Schurti, R. Stommelen; team manager M. Jantke; drivers J. Mass, J. Ickx; 936, winner World Championship of Sports Cars.

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That's about it. If you're interested, get a look at the SCCA General Competition Rules. Porsches I know to be eligible based upon the 1976 listing (I don't have 1977 yet) are: 912E; 914 2.0, 1.8, 1.7. In the VW lineup are the Dasher, Rabbit, Sirocco, Super Beetle, Beetle, Karmann Ghia.

Give it some thought! Call me (766-8201) or Dick or Connie Sweigart (249-9138).

When I started this article I said there are two ways to go. Actually there is a third way, but it is very expensive. That is, to buy a new sports car and convert it into a competition car to run in the SCCA Production Class, or to build yourself a PHA Modified car from the ground up. What you see here are flashing dollar signs!

Keep it between the trees.

JESS HOLSHOUSER

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1959 Convertible D; red with red interior. Runs, not badly rusted. Many spare parts. Asking \$1,500. Gwyn Jones (215) 968-3958

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